

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
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Clerk of Court

May 8, 2013

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Re: Request For Records Under the Freedom Of Information Act

Dear Ms. Richards:

I am writing in response to your letter dated April 13, 2013, and received by the Office of the Clerk of Court on April 24, 2013, for records under the Freedom Of Information Act. I am returning your original letter to you.

Most documents filed in a district court case are public records unless a court order has been signed sealing the documents. Some documents are confidential by operation of law.

United States courts are specifically exempted from the provisions of the Freedom Of Information Act. The Freedom of Information Act codified at 5 U.S.C. §§ 551 and 552 do not apply to the Judicial Branch. Individuals seeking documents are not legally entitled to the information sought under the Freedom of Information Act. I am, however, forwarding a copy of your letter to the Records Management Department with a direction that the file, in the matter of the United States of America v. Jeremy Hammond, 12 Cr. 185 (LAP), be assessed. After the file has been assessed you are to be advised, by letter, with the cost associated for your request, as you indicated in your April 13, 2013 letter.

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact me at (212) 805-0140 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Wilson".

Richard Wilson  
Chief Deputy Clerk, Administration